

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>August 23, 2006</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>2006-92-WS</u>
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SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2006-92-WS - Application of Carolina Water Service, Incorporated (CWS) for Adjustment of Rates and Charges for the Provision of Water and Sewer Service – Discuss with the Commission a Request Filed by the Lexington County Legislative Delegation Requesting that the Merits Hearing Be Rescheduled to Commence on the Evening of September 7, 2006.

COMMISSION ACTION:

The Office of Regulatory Staff has submitted the joint request of Rep. Toole, Rep. Pitts, and Rep. Haley, that the Commission hold its merits hearing in the Carolina Water Service rate case, 2006-92-WS, during the evening hours so as to facilitate public attendance.

I believe that it is important for the Commission to make its proceedings as accessible as possible to the customers of the regulated utilities, especially when they involve requests for rate increases. Towards this end, I would note that the Commission has already held public hearings in Irmo, Lexington, West Columbia, and Lake Wylie.

However, I also believe that public testimony at the final hearing in this matter would benefit the Commission, and I would like to make every effort to accommodate those members of the public who cannot be present during daytime hours because of employment obligations.

In order to give these customers the opportunity to be present, I move that the Commission hold its proceedings open and set aside the time period between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30. p.m. on Thursday, September 7th, for the purpose of receiving public testimony. The Commission could also take public testimony at such other times during the day on September 7th and 8th as it may deem appropriate.

Mr. Chairman, I believe this schedule will make these proceedings more accessible to Carolina Water Service's customers in the Midlands area, but will also accommodate those customers in other areas of the state such as York County and Aiken who probably would not want to attend a hearing late in the evening and have to drive home late at night. The schedule also takes into account the scheduling needs of the parties.

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Session: Regular

Time of Session 2:30 p.m.

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